



October 4, 2002

Federal Communications Commission  
C/O Commission Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch  
445 12th Street SW, CY-B402  
Washington, DC 20554

**FCC Proceeding: 02-306**

Dear Commissioners:

Last month, the Federal Communications Commission received a 271 application from SBC Pacific Bell. On behalf of our 1,700 member businesses and their 35,000 employees, I am writing in support of this application.

I strongly encourage the FCC to approve SBC Pacific Bell's filing and allow California consumers and businesses to benefit from open telecommunications competition. Upon approval of this application, our members will have more choices, better service, greater savings, and more convenience. The Chamber has advocated for open competition in all sectors of telecommunications and would like to see the long distance market opened to all businesses as well.

The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce has been advocating for the passage of this application and the benefits it will bring to our members. Since the company filed its application four years ago, we have been disappointed with its slow progress through the CPUC. I am pleased that it is now out of California and in the hands of the FCC for a final consideration within 90 days.

The FCC has already approved full and open competition in more than 20 states – I hope California can be added to your list. Without question, the telecom marketplace in this state is fully open and competitive and SBC Pacific Bell's long distance entry will further spur competition – and consumer benefits. I know that consumers, businesses, and organizations in our state want to see increased competition in this industry.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and I look forward to the FCC's final vote later this year.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO  
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce